LAUNCH YOURSELF INTO

SPACE

MISSION CONFIGURATION

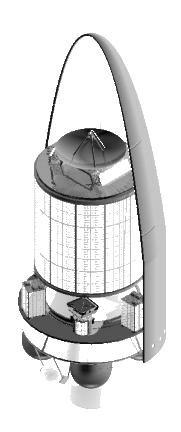
MISSION OBJECTIVE



- Deliver approximately 3 kg of payload to solar escape velocity
- Optimization Criteria
 - Maximize corporate sponsorship opportunities
 - \$20 million or less
 - High likelihood of mission success/insurability
 - Launched before the end of 2003



MISSION PLAN



Team Encounter spacecraft attached to the ARIANE V
ASAP ring

- Spacecraft launch as secondary payload on Ariane 5 (ASAP ring)
- Spacecraft has two parts:
 - Carrier
 - Gets sail to release point
 - Transmits video of sail to earth
 - Sailcraft
 - Carries 3 kg payload to solar escape

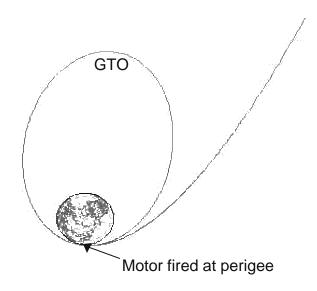


MISSION PHASES

Launch

GTO/checkout

- System test
- Rehearse internet video streaming
- Spin up, fire solid motor at perigee to escape Earth's gravity



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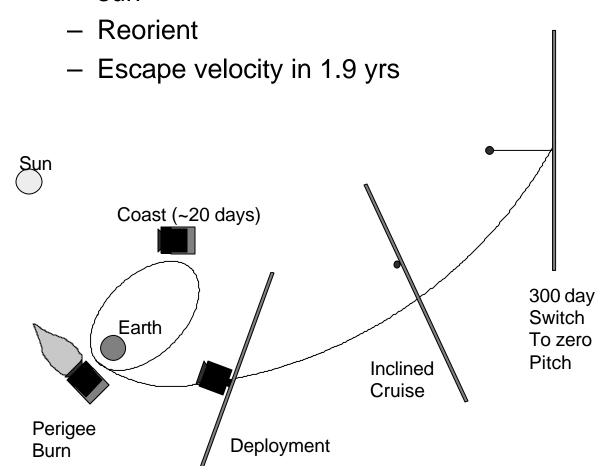
Sail Deployment

- Inflate booms, let rigidize
- Orient sail for release
- Release sail, transmit images

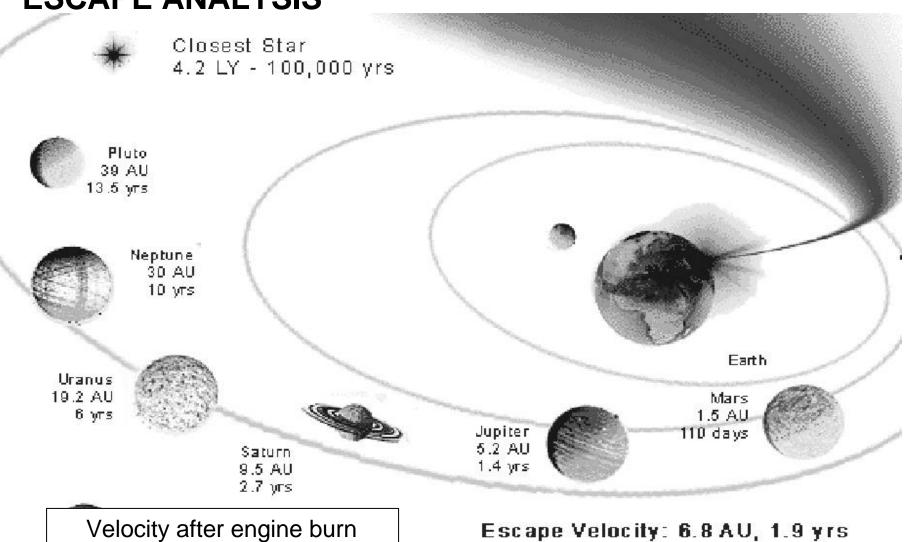
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Solar sailing

 First 300 days, "jibbing" away from the sun

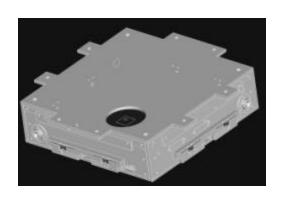


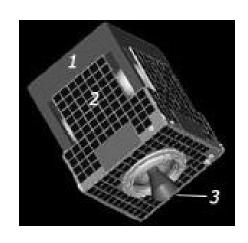
ESCAPE ANALYSIS

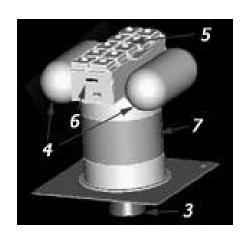


Velocity after engine burn 29.8 km/s, approximately 4 times the speed of shuttle

SPACECRAFT LAYOUT







- Built around "Bitsy-SX" spacecraft kernel
 - No onboard autonomy
 - Command and data handling
 - Power supply and regulation
- Overall dimensions:

70 cm x 58 cm (2.3 ft. x 1.9 ft)

Additional hardware

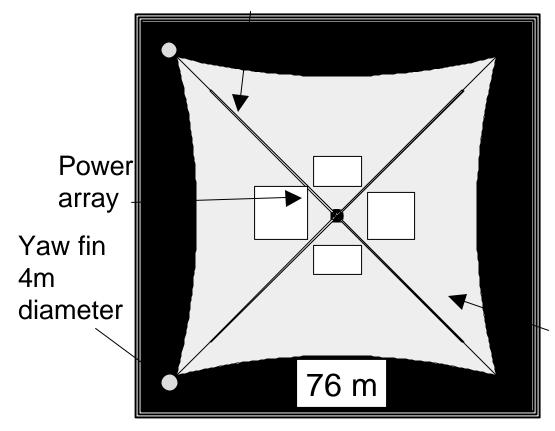
- Propulsion
- Attitude Control and Determination
- Communications
- Imaging cameras
- ASAP 5 allowed dimensions:

60 cm x 60 cm x 71 cm (above separation plane)

1. Stowed Solar Sail; 2. Side Solar Panels; 3. Thruster; 4. Cold Gas Tanks; 5. Imaging Cameras (10X); 6. BITSY™ -SX; 7. STAR 12G Solid Motor

SAIL CONFIGURATION

Boom spreaders & sunshade



Sail material:

– mylar: 0.9 mm (~0.000035 in.)

- Front: aluminum metalization

Back: chromium metalization

Overall sail dimensions:

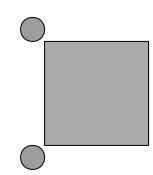
76.4 m x 76.4 m (250 ft. x 250 ft.)

Life expectancy: exceed 10 yrs.

Mainsail

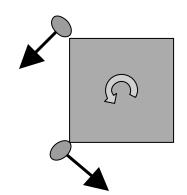
Sailcraft Active Yaw Stabilization

- Yaw cannot be passively stabilized
- Active stabilization is required
- Yaw sensor measures orientation relative to fixed star field
- Rotation of yaw tabs produces torque similar to a pinwheel



Zero actuator angle:

Yaw tabs produce zero moment

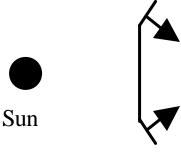


Positive actuator angle:

Solar pressure on tabs creates A "pinwheel" moment

Sailcraft Passive Roll/Pitch Stabilization

- Pitch and roll can be passively stabilized
- Passive stabilization requires no power
- Pitch and roll tabs produce restoring moments
- Similar to the function of a vertical tail on an airplane



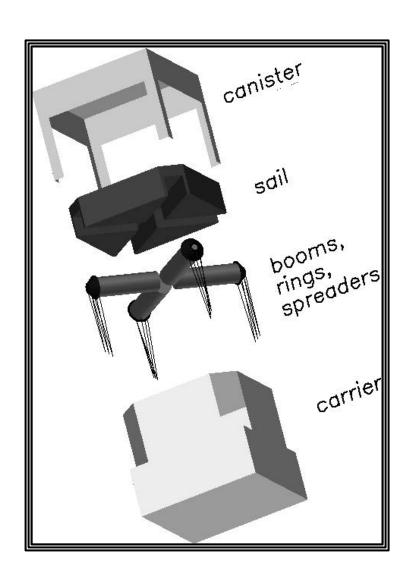
Zero Pitch: Tab moments balance





Positive Pitch:
Solar pressure
on tabs creates
a restoring moment

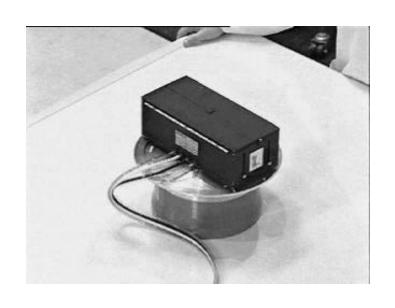
SPACECRAFT PACKAGING



Packaging Specifications

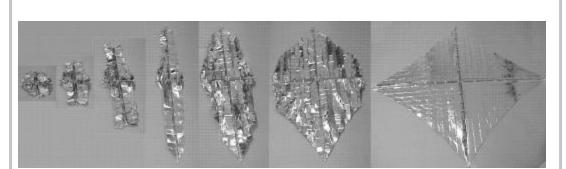
- 60 cm X 60 cm X 15 cm for sail & booms
- Spreader Bars
 - Four 5 cm X 5 cm X 30 cm "table legs"
- Telescopic boom limited by base diameter
- Boom annular packing factor = 1.2
 - Derived from previous telescopic tests (non-isogrid)
- Boom aligned on diagonals of 60 cm X 60 cm pack square
- Sail packaging factor = 5 based on IAE

MAINSAIL DEPLOYMENT



- Sail segments are double z-folded
- Last direction folded is the first direction (first boom axis to deploy
- Boom deployment controls sail deployment
- Base segments deploy first, which is preferable





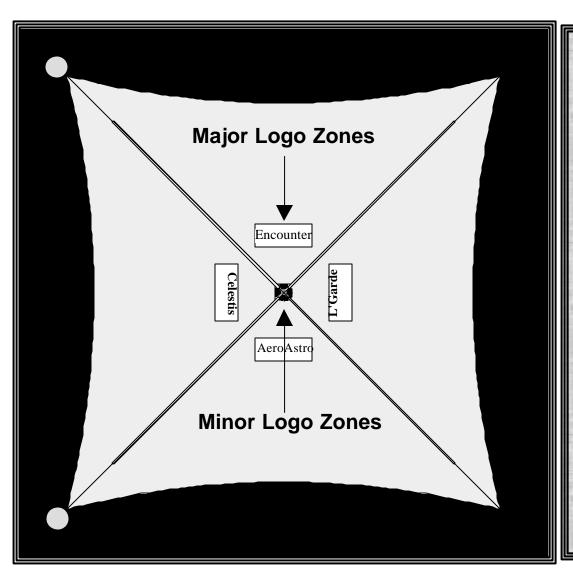


SPACECRAFT SPECIFICATIONS

- Mass:
 - Sailcraft: 19.0 kg (41.9lbs)
 - Carrier 84.9 kg (187.2 lbs)
 - Total: 103.9 kg (229 lbs)
- Power (Max):
 - Sailcraft: 24 watts
 - Carrier: 93.2 watts
 - Total: 117.2 watts
- Overall spacecraft dimensions: 70 x 58 cm (2.3 ft. x 1.9 ft)
- Overall sail dimensions: 76.4 x 76.4 m (250 x 250 ft.)
- Sail Area: 70 m x 70 m (230 x 230 ft.)
- Boom Length: 54 m (177 ft.)
- Sail material: mylar: 0.9 μm (~0.000035 in.)
- Power source: solar cells

- Communications link: S-Band (located on carrier)
- Velocities:
 - At perigee in GTO: 9.9 km/s (6.2 miles/s) prior to motor burn
 - Earth Escape Velocity:10.7 km/s (6.7 miles/s)

SAIL LOGOS



Primary Advertising Space

4 Major Logo Zones
4 x 10 m Area
50% Paint Coverage
Center is 10 m from sail center
Effective Performance Cost ~ 300 g
Areal Cost ~ 1%
Mass Cost ~ 160 grams
Must be balanced across sail center

Secondary Advertising Space

12 minor logo zones
20 x 20 cm Area
100% Paint Coverage
Around sail solar arrays
Effective performance cost ~ 5 g

ON BOARD CAMERAS

Bandwidth

- Good 183 kbps (1/10 sec)
- Better 313 kbps (1/6 sec)
- Best 1000 kbps (1/2 sec)

- Image Size and Quality
- Amount of Data Returned

9 Ranges of Cameras

- COTS PhotoBit Camera & Nikon Lenses
- Fisheye lens for close viewing prior to deployment
- Eight additional cameras with field of view from 2 to 33 degrees

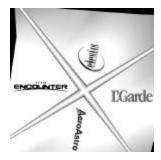
CAMERA VIEWS SIMULATION

Fish Eye Lens View

25 m range 2.7 min



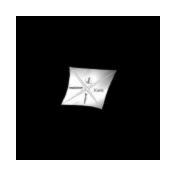
50 m range 3.8 min



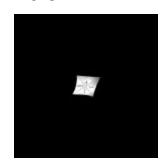
100 m range 5.3 min



200 m range 7.6 min



400 m range 10.8 min



16mm Lens

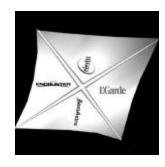
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100m range 5.3 min



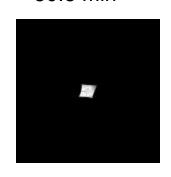
400m range 10.8 min



1600m range 21.7 min



3200m range 30.8 min



PRELIMINARY BUDGET ESTIMATE

Sailcraft Segment Estimate: \$5.9-\$8.0 M

Spacecraft and Ops. Estimate: \$7.3-\$9.0 M

Arianespace launch estimate: \$3 M

Total Mission estimate: \$16.2-20 M

SCHEDULE MILESTONES

Preliminary Design Review: Jan. 2002

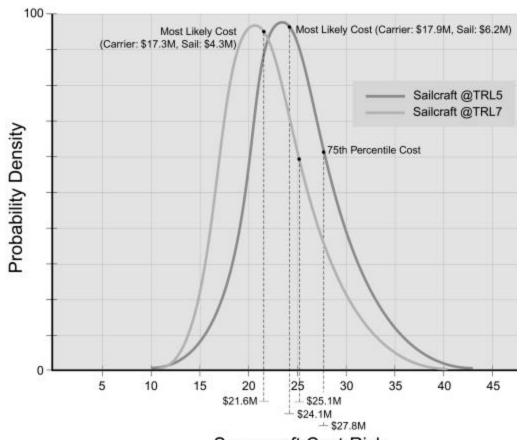
Critical Design Review: Oct. 2002

Environmental Testing: Aug. 2003

Launch: Dec. 2003

Program Cost Assessment: SAA

- Top-down cost estimate prepared from RAND smallsat cost model
- based on 48 missions, 80-500kg.



Spacecraft Cost-Risk

^[1] Technology Readiness Level (TRL) is a measure of the readiness of a technology for flight, based on a ten scale

Go!

• If revenue projections hold, SAA recommends Encounter proceed with the mission:

- It's feasible
- It's exciting
- It's inspiring
- Likely that revenue could be generated through "public participation" in the progress of the mission (Discovery Channel, NOVA, webcasts, etc.)